

WEST SCOFIELD PRESCRIBED BURN 08/09/2009 UPDATE

Start Date: Sunday, June 28, 2009

Location: Fish Creek drainage located on ridges west of Scofield Reservoir

Acres Burned: 2,500

Narrative: With the recent weather front moving through the area, winds have caused fire to creep around on the interior of the West Scofield Prescribed Burn. Smoke has been visible from as far away as Price, Highway 6 and North Skyline Drive. On Sunday, June 28, 2009, the Ferron/Price Ranger District of the Manti-LaSal National Forest, in conjunction with the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands, implemented a prescribed burn within the Fish Creek drainage. While there are no new acres burned, fire is still active in the area. Fire crews are monitoring the burn and continue to remove hazard trees. The residual smoke will continue to be visible over the next few weeks.

This burn is near an urban interface area west of Scofield Reservoir. This fuels treatment will reduce the threat of catastrophic fires that could burn across the landscape damaging resources and impacting structures and public safety.

Closures: For public and firefighter safety the following closure remains in effect:

Trails affected by the Closure:

- Anderson Canyon
- Wife Canyon

Prescribed Burns: Prescribed burns are used for a variety of resource benefits including improved wildlife habitat, reduced fuel buildup from insect killed trees, and to support ecosystem diversity. Aspen stands provide critical habitat for many wildlife species, forage for livestock and wildlife, and to protect stream flows in critical watershed. Aspen is being lost by encroachment of conifers. Aspen regenerates by sprouting following a controlled burn or other disturbance.

NOTE: Fire managers would like to remind everyone to be especially careful and fire conscious while recreating this summer.

Contact Information: The public can view pictures of the fire and get additional information by visiting www.utahfireinfo.gov or calling the Price/Ferron Ranger District at 435 384-2372

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